

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 32 is a diagram showing the ClustalW alignment of mouse (SEQ ID NO:73), rat (SEQ ID NO:74) and human (SEQ ID NO:72) orthologs of r0v0-176.7A [PA27].

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Stanniocalcin precursor, acc: U25997 [PA23; SEQ ID NO:75]

This is a secreted glycoprotein (SEQ ID NO:76) that has been suggested to be involved in calcium and phosphate regulation (*see, Olsen et al., 1996, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 93:1792-1796*). Previous studies have shown it is expressed in the kidney and in thymic stromal cells (*see, Wagner et al., 1995, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 92:1871-1875*). It is upregulated in endothelial cells differentiating into tube-like structures. This suggests that stanniocalcin may be involved in endothelial tube formation. Since it is a secreted hormone, this suggests the existence of a receptor for stanniocalcin that may be used as a target to block tube formation. Neutralizing antibodies to stanniocalcin (SEQ ID NO:76) may be useful as therapeutic molecules because they bind to stanniocalcin and thereby remove it from the immediate cellular environment.

Stanniocalcin precursor (SEQ ID NO:75)

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Stanniocalcin precursor (SEQ ID NO:76)

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